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Puerto Rico Wing Historical Narrative 2014

Puerto Rico wing had a change of command on February 2014. Col Carlos Fernandez is the new Puerto Rico Wing Commander. Col Luis Cubano received the Distinguished Service Medal for his service as wing commander.

Personnel

The membership of Puerto Rico wing at the end of the fiscal year (Sept 30) was 746 cadets and 385 senior members. This is a reduction of 60 members from September 30, 2013.

Cadet Programs

As of Sept, 30 2014 PR wing had 13 Eaker, 47 Earhart, 90 Mitchell and 263 Wright Brother Award recipients.

The Cadet Orientation Flights increased from 512 in 2013 to 606.

PR Wing held a RCLS with 20 participants.

Aerospace Education

The 2nd Model Rocketry Blended School was organized.

Aircraft Management

Puerto Rico obtained a 4th aircraft in 2014.

Professional Development

As of Sept 30, 2014 PR wing had 152 Level 1, 51 Level 2, 63 Level 3, 70 Level 4 and 13 Level 5.

Awards

Cadet of the Year Phase I-The Leadership Phase	C/TSgt Jesus A. Cruz
Cadet of the Year Phase II-The Leadership Phase	C/2Lt Ivan homs
Cadet of the Year Phase III-The Command Phase	C/1Lt Carliana Cochran
Finance Officer of the Year Award	Lt Col Vilma Romero
Norm Edwards Counterdrug Officer of the Year Award	Lt Col Raul Jimenez
Colonel Edwin W. Lewis, Jr. Incident Staff Member of the Year Award	Lt Col Marie A. Rivera
Colonel Dion E. Decamp Ground Team of the Year Award	Moca HS Cadet Squadron
Cadet of the Year Also known as Phase IV	C/Lt Col Nelly C. Perez
Senior Member of the Year	Lt Col Doris Ortiz
Squadron of the Year Award	Cabo Rojo Cadet Squadron
Aerospace Education of the Year	Capt Jose Acosta
The Frank G. Brewer Memorial Aerospace Education Award Senior	Lt Col Doris Ortiz
Communication of the Year	1st Lt Edgaralexis Irizarry



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BURNS AND SCALDS

The smell of cookies baking in the oven or tasty sauces simmering on the stovetop is hard to resist for adults and kids alike. Here are a few simple steps to keep your little chef safe from potential burns, whether in the kitchen, around a fireplace or in any other part of your home.

Top Tips

- ◆ Don't carry or hold a child while cooking on the stove. Instead, move a high chair in the kitchen within reach or sight before you start. Then talk to your children so they know what's going on. It's a great way to spend time together.
- ◆ With everything going on, we know the water heater is the last thing on your mind. But a small adjustment can give you one less thing to worry about. To prevent accidental scalding, set your water heater to 120 degrees Fahrenheit or the manufacturer's recommended setting.
- ◆ Kids love to reach, so to prevent hot food or liquid spills, simply use the back burner of your stove and turn pot handles away from the edge. Keep hot foods away from the edge of your counters.
- ◆ Make a habit of placing matches, gasoline and lighters in a safe place, out of children's reach. Avoid novelty lighters or lighters that look like toys.

Resource by safekids.org



**Don't carry
or hold a child
while cooking at
the stove.**

PUERTO RICO WING UNIT CITATION AWARD

Bayamon, PR- Puerto Rico Wing received a unit citation award for outstanding achievement, exceptional services and high degree of performance. In a collective effort all the members of the wing have been working to make Puerto Rico Wing a well-rounded organization that pays attention to all aspects of the operations of the wing. Some of the most significant highlights are: The first Save in the history of the wing, the first time the wing achieves a low financial risk assessment, obtained 7 March 2013, Constant Watch National Communications Exercise - First place in the region with 23 stations participating, AEX participation – First in SER and 4 in the nation, Second in the SER in CD hours, SER Squadron of Distinction, largest cadet membership increase in SER and Creation of the PR Wing Endowment.

Col Alvin Bedgood, SER Commander with Col Luis A. Cubano, PR Wing Commander



PR WING CONFERENCE GUEST SPEAKER



Bayamon, PR- Scientist Lawrence J. DeLucas (O.D., Ph.D) Payload Specialist who was member of the crew of Space Shuttle Columbia for STS 50 was the Guest Speaker on the Puerto Rico Wing Conference 2013. DeLucas talked about the experiments relating to materials processing and fluid physics conducted by the crew in a over two-weeks period Space Lab mission (June 25-July 9, 1992) in the United States Microgravity Laboratory-1 (USML-1).

Dr DeLucas also explained how his life in a spacecraft was during the period of over two weeks and his experience and body adjustment of takeoff and landing during this mission.

NATIONAL CEMENTERY WREATH ACROSS AMERICA

Bayamon, PR - The Civil Air Patrol PR Wing conducted the WAA ceremony this year at the National Cemetery with the assistance of Muñiz ANG Base Cadet Squadron and Dr. Cesareo Rosa Nieves Cadet Squadron.

Specially designated ceremonial wreaths for the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, and POW/MIA were placed to remember

those who served, honor their sacrifices, and teach our younger generations the high cost of our freedoms.

Representatives of the Armed Forces and National Cemetery staff participated with CAP cadets and seniors.



Group Picture

TOP FLIGHT

Ceiba, PR-Teachers receive orientation flights as Aerospace Education Members at Airport Jose Aponte de la Torre in Ceiba. All teachers were highly motivated and interested in aviation and aerospace education. The pilot of this orientation flight was Capt Vladimir Ojeda. Coming soon will be performing new Teacher Orientation Program (TOP) Flight.



NEW PR WING ADMINISTRATOR

Isla Grande, PR- PR Wing has New Wing Administrator Ms. Isabel Pogozeleski. Along with Lt Col Elsa, New Finance Director and the New in Coming Wing Commander, Lt Col Carlos Fernandez received Finance training from Keith J. Baker.



From left to right Lt Col Elsa Soto, Lt Col Carlos Fernandez In Coming Wing Commander and Ms. Isabel Pogozeleski, Wing Administrator.



From left to right Lt Col Elsa Soto, Finance Director, Keith J. Baker, Wing Financial Analyst and Ms. Isabel Pogozeleski, Wing Administrator.

CADETS COMPLETE DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

Cabo Rojo, PR— Cadets from the Cabo Rojo Cadet Squadron completed the Drug Demand Reduction Excellence (DDR_x) program. This included activity such as discussing dangerous drugs to hands on activities.

Within this included a discussion about aerospace hero's like Amelia Earhart, Sally Ride, Charles A. Lindbergh, and other famous pioneers;

wearing special goggles and try and read a Snellen Eye Chart, then using a small ball and toss it to one another while wearing the goggles to learn about how alcohol can difficult simple tasks; using fleece gloves to try and open foil-wrapped chocolate candy like Hershey Kisses in a competition between two teams to see will be crowned the U2s, which is an acronym

for “Undisputed Unwrappers”. This and other activities were all planned by the cadets using Drug Demand Reduction Activity Guide.

By the end of the course, cadets were presented with a certificate of completion of the DDR_x program by squadron commander Capt Jose O. Acosta in an award ceremony.



Group Picture

CABO ROJO CADET PROMOTION

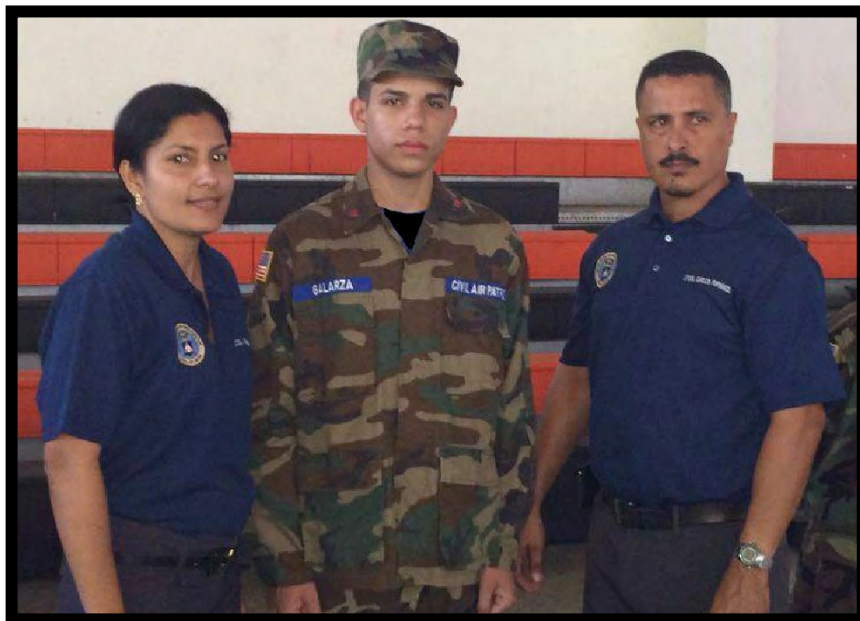


By Lt Col Marie A. Rivera, PAO

Photo by Jose Velez

San German, PR- Cadet Airman Juliam Galarza is being promoted to the grade of Cadet Airman First Class by Puerto Rico Wing Vice Commander Lt Col Carlos Fernandez and Chief of Staff Lt Col Marie A. Rivera.

From left to right
Lt Col Marie A.
Rivera, Cadet Air-
man First Class
Juliam Galarza
and Lt Col Carlos
Fernandez



MOCA AWARD CEREMONY

By Eric E. Pérez, Lt Col, CAP

Moca, PR- Derick V. Molinary joined Moca High School Cadet Squadron CAP as a cadet in 1985 until 1992. He became a Squadron Ground Team member that year and stay as a GT during his time as cadet. He became a cadet officer on April 1989 when he earns the Billy Mitchell Award. Join the USAF where he earns the grade of E-4. Became part of the Pararescuemen of the Air Force and retired honorably in July 2001. Rejoin CAP as a senior from 2001 to 2002 and earns the 2nd Lt grade. Was accepted at the Metropolitan

University at Rio Piedras, PR, where he completed a degree of Bachelor of Arts on Social Science in Criminal Justice on June 2004.

Then enters the Eugenio Maria de Hostos School of Law at Mayagüez, Puerto Rico and earn the Juris Doctor degree on June 2008. He is a license lawyer for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico since August 2009. He also completes a Master degree in Business Administration Management and Strategic Leader on June 2012. Recently he re join the CAP as part of the Moca HS Cadet Squadron.



From left to right former PR Wing Commander Col Milton Tomassini, Capt Derick V. Molinary and Lt Col. Carlos Fernández, PR Wing Vice Commander.

During the Moca HS Cadet Squadron Award Ceremony on January 2014 lawyer Derick V. Molinary was promoted to Captain.



GROUP 7 KNOWLEDGE COMPETITION

Cataño, PR - More than 100 cadets, senior members and guest participated in the 2014 Group VII Knowledge Competition held at Cataño PR. The cadets competed in four rounds of questions about different topics such as: Aerospace Education, Leadership, Aerospace Current Events, CAP History, Custom and Courtesies and Drill and Ceremonies. This year fourteen teams was registered to participate from all the units of Group VII. "This is the first year that we have had this competition", said this year Project Officer Lt Col Ismael J Rodriguez. "It is great to see all the cadets

working hard to demonstrate their knowledge and also represent their units at this competition", commented the Group VII Commander Lt Col Reinaldo Negrón. The 2014 Knowledge Competition saw three teams battle face to face, in the Panel Quiz for the 1st Place. This year's champions and winners of the Group VII Knowledge Competition Cup were Muñoz ANG Base Cadet Squadron/PR-126, followed by two teams from Capt Paulo Solis Cadet Squadron/PR-161 who finished with a second and third place.



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AFRCC Basic Inland Search Course

February 15-16, 2014, Interamerican University Isla Grande

Change of Command

February 22, 2014, Auxilio Mutuo

OPR's Meeting

March 15, 2014 Interamerican University in Isla Grande

Emergency Services

March 22-23, 2014, ICS 400 Course, Ramey Base, Aguadilla

SAREX

March 29, 2013 Interamerican University in Isla Grande



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FLOOD SAFETY AWARENESS

It's important to be prepared for flooding no matter where you live, but particularly if you are in a low-lying area, near water, or downstream from a dam. Even a very small stream or dry creek bed can overflow and create flooding, so follow these tips:

- ◆ Know your area's flood risk and consider flood insurance.
- ◆ Make an itemized list of personal property, including furnishings, clothing, and valuables.
- ◆ Fill out a [Household Emergency Plan](#) containing important contacts for you and your family in the event of any emergency.
- ◆ Prepare a [Go Bag](#) with a portable AM/FM radio that you can grab when you need to evacuate your home and it is safe to leave.
- ◆ Learn the safest route to higher ground from your home or place of business to stay in case you have to evacuate. This should be part of your [Household Emergency Plan](#).
- ◆ If you live in a flood-susceptible area, keep materials, such as sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting, and lumber, on hand to help protect your home.
- ◆ Never walk across flood waters, just six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet.
- ◆ Avoid flooded roadways and do not attempt to drive through flood waters, just two feet of moving water can sweep a Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) off the road.

Posted by [PhilaOEM](#)



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LET'S BUILD THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY TG-4A GLIDER/SAILPLANE

By: Capt Suzette M. Perez

Fajardo, PR- During the weekend of January 18, 2014, cadets participated in a workshop to make a TG-4A Glider/Sailplane in the unit. They worked as a team to create the plane. Then when the plane was done, they had to throw it in the air and see which plane stays up the longest. Lt Col Doris Ortiz was teaching the cadets how to construct the plane.



TOP FLIGHT

Ceiba, PR- Teachers received orientation flights as Aerospace Education Members at the Jose Aponte de la Torre Airport in Ceiba. All teachers were highly motivated and interested in aviation and aerospace education. The pilot of this orientation flight was Maj Walt Baez.



COAST GUARD ORIENTATION FLIGHT

Aguadilla, PR- Cadet Ryan Becker flew an orientation flight in a MH-65C dolphin helicopter around the west coast of PR. This was achieved thanks to the efforts of Group Commander Maj Nelson J. Lopez, Capt Jose Rafols, Aguadilla Squadron Commander, 2Lt Katherine Crespo and staff of the United States Coast Guard, Air Station Borinquen.



CHANGE OF COMMAND

By Lt Col Marie A. Rivera
Photo by 1Lt Vicente Velez

San Juan, PR— The change of command symbolically transfers the authority and responsibility of a commander to another. Recently Puerto Rico Wing celebrated the change of command. Colonel Luis A. Cubano was the PR Wing commander for the past two years. He managed and achieved great success for the organization. Colonel Carlos Fernandez begins a new term as commander. "This new period will be the beginning of many more successes for the benefit of the cadets and senior member of this organization," said Colonel Fernández.



Col Carlos Fernandez taking the oath as commander of the Puerto Rico Wing.

Col Carlos Fernandez, PR Wing Commander receiving the organizational flag accepting responsibility of command.



BASEBALL OPENING

Fajardo, PR– Six cadets of Col Bartolo Ortiz Squadron participated in the opening of the Little League Baseball season at the Tomas Dones Stadium in Fajardo P.R.

From left to right: C/AB Alexa Millan, C/Capt Jean c. Mejias, C/2dLt Pablo Collazo, C/AB Zabdiel Alamo, C/CMSgt Joseph Torres and C/AB Jaasiel Alamo.



COMMUNICATIONS CAMP

By Lt Col Anabel Lugo

Lajas, PR– Group V Communications Team offered a Communications encampment on the 21 to 23 of March 2014. Over 30 members participated on the activity on which they were instructed with classes and practices. Members had the chance to act as radio operator and net control station.



Cadet SSgt Jesus Cruz is sending a message in the net control station.



Cadet CMSgt Ivan Homs with the radio on hand receiving a message and Cadet CMSgt Nathaniel Sepulveda as his recorder on the relay station.

ROBOTIC, MODEL AND R/C AIRCRAFT STEM PROGRAM

Cabo Rojo, PR– Cabo Rojo Cadet Squadron completed the robotics portion of the STEM Program. Working in groups, the cadets build a robotic arm from scratch and then tested it in a friendly competition between the groups.

After that the squadron completed another portion of the Civil Air Patrol STEM Program. Cadets started by making a model aircraft kit supplied and then proceeded to launch the model airplane.

Later they had an Aerospace Education overnight where the cadets would pilot remote-controlled aircraft and learn about how they function. The overnight was held on Hormigueros R/C Club facilities.

All participating cadets and seniors, were given a certificate of completion by Aerospace Education Officer Captain Jose O. Acosta.

The Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) Program, funded by The National Defense Education Program, managed by the Air Force STEM Outreach Coordination Office at the Pentagon, was made to provide financial support to promote increased STEM education for America's youth in the 21st century.



ISABELA CADET SQUADRON OPENING



By Lt Col Marie A. Rivera

Photo by 1Lt Airangel Altreche

Isabela, PR— After months of hard work, Maj Nelson Lopez was able to open the Isabela Cadet Squadron.

We welcome this new unit to the CAP family.

Col Carlos Fernandez
signing the form for
the new squadron



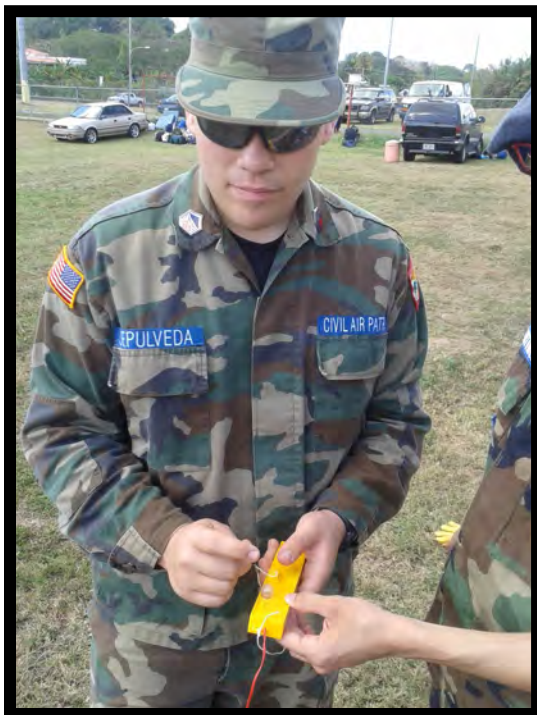
ROCKETRY CAMP

By Lt Col Anabel Lugo, CAP

Lajas, PR- Lajas High School Cadet Squadron host a Rocketry Day after a fraternization overnight for Puerto Rico Wing Group V. 40 members participated in the activity. On the second day members divided in teams constructed and launched Models Rockets to finish the weekend in an aerospace mode. New cadets expressed that was their first time to work with Rockets and they were happy to do it.



Launching area



Cadet SMSgt Pedro Sepulveda awaiting the signal to insert the security key to launch his team rocket.



Group V participants

RADIO SHOW

Fajardo, PR-Part of the staff of Col Bartolo Ortiz Cadet Squadron had an interview in Yunque 93 WYQE Radio Station in Fajardo. They discussed what is Civil Air Patrol, our missions, core values, experiences, activities, etc. The audience that tunes into this station is from the east area of Puerto Rico. This activity help us to recruit more people to the organization. The staff who participated in this activity were: Capt. Hector A. Collazo, Capt. Suzette M. Perez, 2Lt Arlene Quinones, C/Capt. Jean C. Mejias. Our main focus was to provide listeners the importance of our volunteer and community service work that we do.



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May 10, 2014 CROEM Mayaguez

Leadership Academy

June 9-14, 2014 CROEM Mayaguez



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HURRICANE SURVIVAL KIT

by **Dr. Rick Knabb**

During a hurricane, and possibly for days or even weeks afterward, electricity and other utilities might not be available. Debris and/or water might block the roads, preventing vehicles from getting in or out of your neighborhood. Help might not reach you for days after the hurricane, so you'll need to be completely self-sufficient during that period.

Before a Hurricane Is Out There

- ◆ Create a written emergency preparedness and action plan for your family and business.
- ◆ Find out if you live in a hurricane evacuation zone by contacting your local emergency management office.
- ◆ Identify the evacuation route you will use if told to evacuate.
- ◆ Agree upon two places family members can meet if separated: one outside your home for an emergency while there, and one

out of the neighborhood if you cannot return home.

Here are some of the most critical supplies to have on hand, well before a hurricane threatens:

- ◆ At least a 3-day and preferably a 7-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day)
- ◆ Non-perishable food
- ◆ Formula, diapers, and other baby supplies
- ◆ Manual can opener
- ◆ First aid kit
- ◆ Prescription and non-prescription medicines
- ◆ Toiletries
- ◆ Cell phones and battery-powered cell phone chargers
- ◆ Battery-powered radios and flashlights
- ◆ Plenty of batteries
- ◆ Extra cash
- ◆ Blankets, sleeping bags, books, and games (especially if evacuating)

CABO ROJO AWARD CEREMONY

Cabo Rojo, PR- Cabo Rojo Cadet Squadron celebrated their annual award ceremony by presenting milestones and other certificates that members have earned over the year. Roberto Ramírez Kurtz, mayor of Cabo Rojo, also attended and presented the Billy Mitchell Award and the Amelia Earhart Award to three cadets of the squadron.

Excellence Award certificate and the Certificate of Accomplishment for the STEM Project Remote-Controlled Airplanes kit.

Mayor Ramírez Kurtz also presented three milestone awards to cadets. C/2Lt Jorge Ortiz was awarded the Billy Mitchell Award along with C/2Lt Ricardo Pagan. C/Capt Freddy Del Toro was awarded the Amelia Earhart Award.

Capt Jose O. Acosta, commander of the squadron, awarded Mayor Ramírez Kurtz with a Certificate of Appreciation and the squadron's patch at the end of the award presentation.

After the ceremony, cadets, senior members, and family members enjoyed a get together.



Group Picture



From left to right Cabo Rojo mayor Ramírez Kurtz with Capt Jose O. Acosta, Cabo Rojo Squadron Commander.

SECOND MODEL ROCKETRY BLENDED SCHOOL

By Lt Col Janice Borrero

Yauco, PR- During the dates of March 2-23, 2014 the PR Wing Group 4 (SER-PR-148) conducted the second Blended Model Rocketry School in the facilities of the Yauco Stadium in Yauco, PR. This school was divided in two parts: "Online Written Phase" and the "Hands-On Phase". The Written Phase was based on online lectures, videos and tests designed in Spanish. This part was led by Lt Col Janice Borrero as a designer, moderator and instructor.

The "Hands-On Phase" was lead by Lt Col Wigberto Del Valle as instructor and Commander. In this phase, cadets

learned how to build different rockets like the Goddard Rocket, rockets made with plastic bottles, compress air rocket with single phase, and single phase rockets powered by engines. During this school, the senior members also participated in the whole process from approving the written phase to design their own rockets.

The last day of this school, cadets and seniors became excited when the rockets were taken to the launch area.

First of all, the safety officer gave a safety briefing before each rocket was launched.

The participants shouted excited when the parachutes open to give the rocket a safe landing. Thanks to the dedication and excellent participation of instructors, the cadet staff, the Yauco Unit SER-PR- 051, and the parents who supported ,this activity was a complete success.



GROUP PICTURE

ARECIBO OBSERVATORY VISIT

Arecibo, PR— Members from Cabo Rojo Cadet Squadron had an opportunity to visit the Arecibo Observatory thanks to an Air Force Association aerospace grant that the squadron received for the activity.

Once at the Radio Telescope, the members were given a tour around the

museum were the cadets learned about different aerospace topics ranging from meteorites, to the Solar System's planets.

After the tour, the squadron watched an educational video about the history of the Radio Telescope and its usages since being

built in 1963 up unto the present. At the end the members went out to an observation area where they could clearly see the Radio Telescope.



GROUP PICTURE



HAZMAT CLASS

Cabo Rojo, PR– Cabo Rojo Cadet Squadron was given a HAZMAT class by a paramedic from “*Cuerpo de Emergencias Medicas de Puerto Rico*” (CEMPR). Cadets were showed the equipment and explained how they are used by the agency. After which, cadets were able to wear the Class A and Class B HAZMAT suit to experience the sensation of walking and climbing stairs with the equipment.



CAP HURRICANE EVACUATION EXERCISE

Isla Grande, PR– As part of preparation of hurricane season training, a hurricane evacuation exercise was conducted. The PR Wing aircrafts were relocated to Muñiz Air Force Base. Aircrews participated in a safety seminar, and a BBQ before returning to their home airport.



GROUP PICTURE



THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT



By Lt Col Anabel Lugo

Lajas, PR— Lajas High School Cadet Squadron and Puerto Rico Wing Emergency Services express appreciation for the support Burger King Lajas Restaurant and Mc Donalds Lajas Restaurant provide to CAP activities. During the "Puerto Rico Wing Obstacle Course" and many other activities both restaurants donate ice for the hydration of participants.

Sahyly Rodriguez Mc Donald Lajas Shift Manager received a certificate of Appreciation.

Shift Manager Marines Carrero is honored with the Appreciation Certificate for Burger King Lajas.



TWO WINGS ONE SQUADRON

By Lt Col Marie A. Rivera

Mayaguez, PR– Col Fernandez and Col Irizarry joined Civil Air Patrol (CAP) as cadets in Mayaguez Cadet Squadron back in the 80's.

They worked together for the benefit of the squadron until late 90's. Commander at that time was Capt Thomas Larsen.

Even though Col Irizarry moved to US to serve in the US Coast Guard they always keep in touch.

What they never imagine was that they become Wing Commanders almost at the same time.



From left to right Col Henry Irizarry Florida Wing Commander and Col Carlos Fernandez Puerto Rico Wing Commander.

LAJAS STEM KIT

By Lt Col Anabel Lugo

Lajas, PR- Lajas High School Cadet Squadron worked the STEM Kit "Introduction to Robotics" along with Mayaguez Cadet Squadron. The two Puerto Rico Wing Group V Squadrons had an Introduction to Robotic Class and armed the OWI-535 in a 6 hours teamwork activity held at Lajas, Puerto

Members were instructed in: history, uses of robots in our lives, safety and saw videos of robots in the manufacture industry. Some young cadets expressed that this was the first time they were exposed to, so much information about robots and has the possibility to think about robots when select a career in the future.



Cadets carefully checking the instructions and working with the sorted parts on the construction of the OWI-535 Robotic Arm.



C/ Staff Sergeant Jesus A. Cruz work with the finished Robotic Arm



Group photo of all participants of the Introduction to Robotics STEM Kit

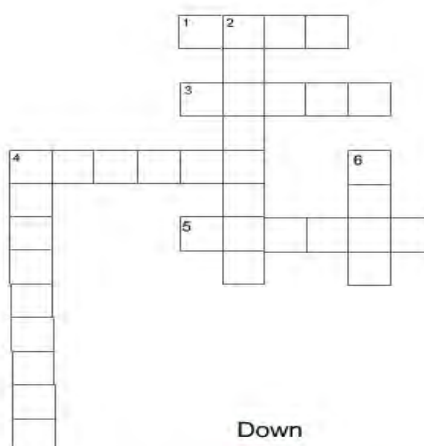
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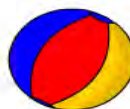
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MEMORIAL DAY HISTORY

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. Over two dozen cities and towns claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day. While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day.

Regardless of the exact date or location of its origins, one thing is clear – Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead. It was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed. The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the

anniversary of any particular battle.

On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there.

The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war).

It is now celebrated in almost every state on the last Monday in May with Congressional passage of the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 – 363).

<http://www.usmemorialday.org/>

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NATIONAL CEMETERY MEMORIAL DAY

Bayamon, PR— Squadrons from Group 2, 7 and 8, participated in the Memorial Day at the PR National Cemetery in Bayamon. The activity was conducted in memory of all those fallen heroes, that made the effort to defend our nation. We, as members of CAP, are proud of the partnership with USAF and to have being the second civilian organization to have organize the memorial day.



Col Carlos Fernandez, PR Wing Commander giving the Memorial Day the message.



C/CMSgt Bryan Toro, PR094
Showing Respect



From left to right C/CMSgt Bryan Toro, PR094,
C/2Lt Ricardo Rivera, PR161, and C/Capt Gabriel
Sierra, PR161



FURA helicopter fly over



GROUP PICTURE

NATIONAL CEMETERY MEMORIAL DAY CONTINUED





MEMORIAL DAY IN PONCE

Ponce, PR– Memorial Day activities took place in Mercedes cemetery in Ponce honoring all the soldiers who gave their lives in battle. This activity was dedicated to Veterans of foreign wars post-12064, Ponce. It is satisfying for members of the PR Wing Civil Air Patrol to participate in this very prestigious activity. This year we had the opportunity to present the colors, and the wreaths during the activity. PRWG is proud of all our cadets who represented us in such important activity. We thank Mrs. Maria Contrera who was in charge of organizing the activity.



From left to right C/ Capt Jason Del Valle, C/Capt Ricardo Omar Aviles, C/2Lt Gil Ortiz, C/1Lt Alexis Feliciano



GROUP PICTURE
Units from PR012,
PR051, PR110, PR148

C/Capt Ricardo O Aviles and C/1Lt Alexis Feliciano handing wreath to BG Jose R Burgos



MEMORIAL DAY ARECIBO

Arecibo, PR- Every year La Santa Cruz Cemetery in Arecibo commemorates Memorial Day. This year it had the presence of the Veterans Advocate Agustin Montanez. The Arecibo Cadet Squadron color guard presented the colors and also place a wreath on the tomb of an Afghanistan War veteran .



In the picture above one of the last veterans of World War II from Arecibo.



C/MSGT Adam Cuadrado from Mayaguez Cadet Squadron holding a wreath.





GROUP PICTURE

MEMORIAL DAY IN ANASCO

Añasco, PR- This activity took place in Añasco's Veteran Memorial. Cadets from the Añasco Cadet Squadron carry the colors in the parade for veterans of this town.



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Memorial Day Word Search

Find and circle the words in the puzzle. Words may be vertical, horizontal, diagonal, forward, or backward.



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THANKSGIVING SAFETY

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.

Safety tips

- ◆ Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- ◆ Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- ◆ Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- ◆ Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- ◆ Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- ◆ Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- ◆ Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- ◆ Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- ◆ Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- ◆ Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

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REGION CADET LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

By: Lt Col Ismael Rodriguez

CROEM-Mayaguez, Puerto Rico – Civil Air Patrol's Puerto Rico Wing hosted a 2014 Southeast Region Cadet Leadership School at the Centro de Oportunidades Educativas de Mayaguez (CROEM) in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. Twenty cadets attended the five-day school held 16-20 July 2014. Lt Col Ismael J. Rodríguez, Puerto Rico Wing, and Lt Col Sonia Soto, Florida Wing, directed this year's school assisted by 12 instructors and seminar leaders.

Students attended over 30 curriculum hours from Wednesday afternoon through Sunday morning and completed a variety of assignments like writing journals, presenting three different speeches, completion of two essays, and a group project. The leadership school's curriculum included officership and character, communication skills, interpersonal relations, creative and critical thinking, and leadership theory.

Lt Col Ismael Rodriguez and Lt Col Sonia Soto were satisfied with the final results of the school. All 20 cadets successfully completed the school and graduated in a ceremony on Sunday morning. Tech Sgt. Luis Nazario of the Puerto Rico Air National Guard led the graduation ceremony by serving as the honored guest speaker of the event. "This young group of cadets from our wing demonstrated that nothing is impossible and that the sky is the limit" said Lt Col Rodriguez.

The Puerto Rico Wing enjoys a great relationship with CROEM and appreciates the use of all the facilities within the school area. This year's RCLS successfully created a scholastic environment for all of the cadet participants and senior members who helped the students to reach their goal. Lt Col Sonia Soto added, "I would especially like to thank all the instructors and staff who gave their time to help develop this group of our future leaders."

Graduates of CAP's Region Staff College and personnel from Puerto Rico Air National Guard 140th Air Defense Squadron and 156th Airlift Wing treated students to special classes and seminars. Use of Air National Guard resources for teaching helped the students recognize the professional-level of training offered by the school and motivated the cadets to focus their attention and learn even more. PRANG personnel included, Tech Sgt. Lemuel Soto, 156th AW; Tech Sgt. Kathy Hernández, 140th ADS; and Tech Sgt. Luis Nazario, 140th ADS.

The goal of RCLS is to develop Phase III, or Command Phase, leadership skills. Students attending RCLS should have completed an encampment and hold the grade of C/MSgt or higher. The primary goal of leadership education in CAP's Phase III is for cadets to learn how to lead indirectly. Upon completion of Phase III training of the CAP cadet program, a cadet is eligible to receive the Amelia Earhart Award and begin Phase IV called the Executive Phase.



DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAM

Trujillo Alto, PR – The Civil Air Patrol Drug Demand Reduction Program assists units at all levels to instill a positive, drug-free attitude in CAP members, Air Force families, DoD civilians and school-age children through a comprehensive program that promotes CAP as a positive community service lifestyle. Also encourages youth to remain in school, focuses on drug abuse awareness, education and prevention and provides positive activities as an alternative to drugs and gang violence.

This year the PR-126 performed the Annual DDR Workshop where the new cadets of the unit participated in six different DDR activities. As of today 33 out of the 37 cadets of our unit completed the program. Capt Carlos Galarza said: “I really enjoy working with this excellent group of cadets. Helping this CAP members become drug-free ambassadors to local communities is my goal as a Cadet Program and DDR Officer of the unit”.



QUALITY CADET UNIT AWARD 2014

San Juan, PR – This year SER-PR-051 Maj William Biaggi Cadet Sqdn, SER-PR-059 Col Bartolo Ortiz Cadet Sqdn, SER-PR-066 Cabo Rojo Cadet Sqdn, SER-PR-079 Moca High School Cadet Sqdn, SER-PR-123 Dr. Cesareo Rosa- Nieves Cadet Sqdn and SER-PR-126 Muniz ANG Base Cadet Sqdn were awarded with the 2014 Quality Cadet Unit Award (QCUA). This recognition is given to all units that displays strong program fundamentals on the Cadet Program, Recruiting and Retention, Aerospace Education (STEM Kit and Cyber Patriot), Adult Leadership and Training, Cadet Achievement, Drug Demand Reduction, Encampment and Orientation Flight.

This is the third consecutive year that the Muñoz ANG Base Cadet Squadron won the QCUA. This year the unit completed 9 out of the 11 criteria of the QCUA and in the final national ranking for the QCUA the unit (PR-126) is the #7 out of the 299 units that received the recognition this year and the #1 out of the 6 units from PRW who received the recognition. Lt Col Ismael J. Rodriguez, Squadron Commander said: “I was very happy of the accomplishment of our unit. It was due to every cadet and senior members working hard during the past year and this is the results of the dedication and support.”



COMMUNITY SERVICES BEACH CLEANUP

Carolina, PR — The members from the Muñiz Air National Guard Cadet Squadron (SER-PR-126) participated in the Beach Cleanup held at the Balneario de Carolina, Carolina in September 20, 2014. Twenty members from the unit (cadets and seniors) got together with a set goal in common; help in the cleanup of our environment. This activity has been an initiative of Squadron Commander Lt Col Ismael J. Rodríguez since last year. Lt Col Rodríguez said: “One of our biggest goals is to develop disciplined citizens for the benefit of our community”. This type of community service also helps the members of our unit to practice service before self; at the end it is the purpose of our program; said by Lt Col Rodríguez. In conjunction with Scuba Dog Society, the PR-126 participated actively

together with other organizations and groups with the same goal: Conserve what we have today, so the future can also enjoy our beauty.

Also Cabo Rojo Cadet Squadron said present on that day cleared the *Combate* beach, a popular beachgoer destination. The flight, composed of 10 cadets and 1 senior member, cleaned a 3 mile stretch of the beach collecting approximately 50 pounds of trash.

Their hope is to raise the consciousness of people so that they will not pollute our beaches and oceans because that affects us all and it poses a danger to the underwater ecosystem.







AEROSPACE PROGRAM

Yabucoa, PR – The Rogelio Rosado School in Yabucoa has integrated the AEX program into their Science Club activities. Students completed the Goddard Rocket activity integrating Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics through Aerospace Education, which will stimulate them to continue to progress academically.

The Rogelio Rosado School Science Club is composed of 50 students and their science teachers Karen Cintrón, CAP Aerospace Education Member, and Lt Col Eveneida Rodríguez, Aerospace Education Officer.



Yabucoa, PR - Students from the Rogelio Rosado School in Yabucoa assembled robots provided by the CAP STEM Kit Program.

The school has 15 teachers who are Aerospace Education Members who use the materials provided to them by CAP to further the education of their students.

The students assemble the robots provided by CAP under the supervision of their teachers integrating the STEM disciplines. The exercise also serves to reinforce teamwork and following detail instructions skills.

Students are preparing to make demonstrations to other students at the junior high and elementary school level. Students are also using the materials provided by CAP to develop research project in STEM areas.



CAP ASSIST IN VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Cabo Rojo, PR- The North, Central America, and Caribbean Volleyball Confederation (NORCECA) is an incorporated, non-profit organization responsible for all volleyball activities that take place in its region. Composed of 35 countries from across the American continent, NORCECA is responsible for, among other things, the staging of Olympic and World Championship region qualification tournaments,

as well as continental championships for both men and women in Indoor and Beach Volleyball. For the second year in a row, the Cabo Rojo Cadet Squadron assisted in the annual NORCECA Beach Volleyball tournament held at the *Balneario* of Boquerón in Cabo Rojo on the weekend of the 19 to the 21 of September. A total of 32 cadets and 4 seniors worked from Friday to Sunday in support of the activity. The squadron's color guard raised the

colors on the opening day and the flags of the winning countries on the last day. By the end of the activity the members racked up over 25 hours of community service and were presented with a certificate of volunteer service by the Cabo Rojo Major Roberto Ramirez Kurtz and the NORCECA staff on the 18 of October.



GROUP VII VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Cataño, PR – For third consecutive year, the Muñiz Air National Guard Cadet Squadron (SER-PR-126) won the Annual Group VII Volleyball Tournament Cup. This year all the Group VII units were well represented and also other units like Group IV. This year PR-126 sent two teams to represent our unit. Both team made an excellent job but after a long day just one could be the winner. The final game was against an excellent team from Group IV; but after three wonderful sets the PR-126 took First Place.

This year the winning team was composed of C/Maj Orlando Rohená (Team Captain), C/Major Oscar Rivera, C/Capt Kevin Negrón, C/1Lt Carlos Ortiz, C/TSgt Wilangel Caraballo and C/Arm Cepeda. Thanks to all the members of the unit that participated in this tournament. Lt Col Iván Reyes said: "Every year the level of competition increase more and more. The cadets from our unit practice for this tournament for a month. This is the results of their sacrifice and dedication. To all of them congratulations for a job well done".



COL CLARA E. LIVINGSTON UNIT REOPENING

Dorado, PR- The Col Clara E. Livingston unit was reopen this past 17 of October. The reopening ceremony took place at the Dorado Convention Center. The unit was originally created in the 70's and was based at Fort Buchanan in Guaynabo, PR.

Col Carlos Fernandez, Carlos Perez, mayor of Dorado, and Col Sandra Bermudez, US Army, a former member of the unit, attended the reopening ceremony.

Col Herman Liboy and Col Gerald Irons, former wing commanders, also attended the activity .

Lt Col Elba Cana, Capt Pablo Jimenez and Lt Col Michelle Piñeiro worked on reorganizing the unit in the city of Dorado where Col Livingston lived for many years.



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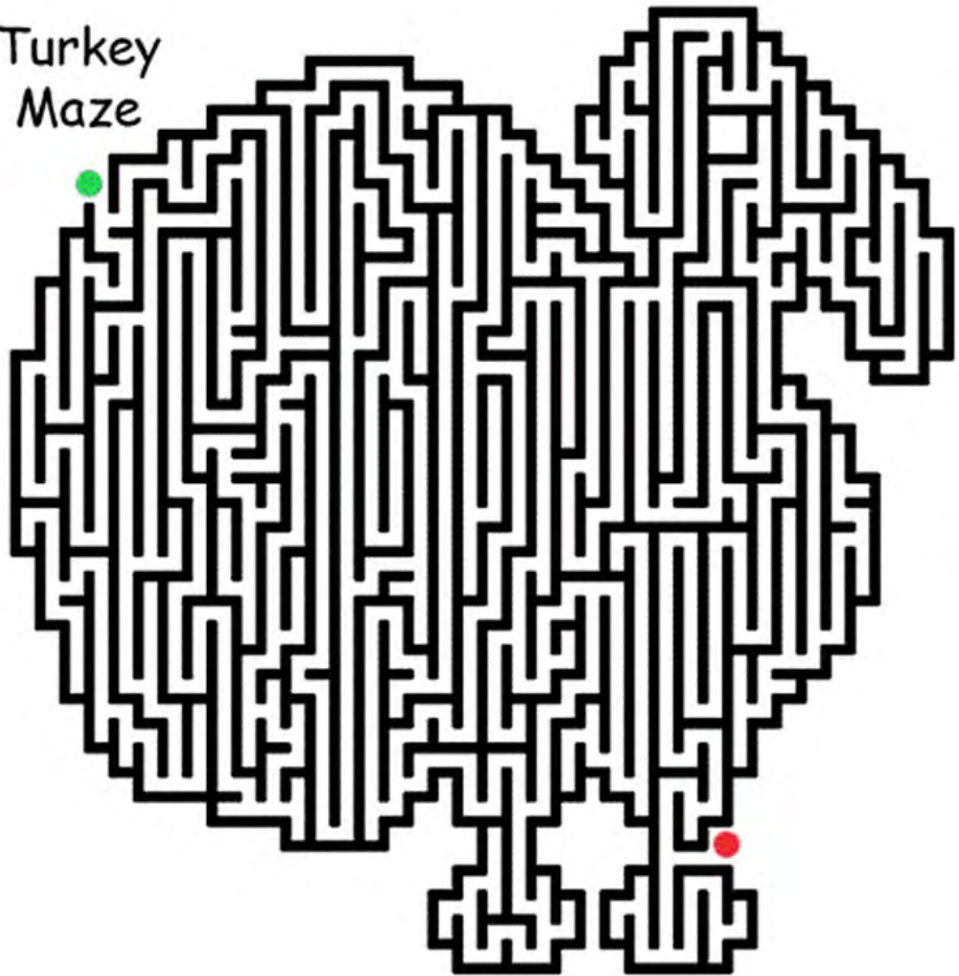
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